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1. COMMISSION REGULATIONS NO. 1774/78 AND 1775/78 (OFFICIAL JOURNAL L 204 OF 7/28/78) OPEN TENDERS FOR THE EXPORT OF SOFT WHEAT AND BARLEY, RESPECTIVELY, TO ZONES I (MEDITERRANEAN AREA), II AND III (EASTERN EUROPE AND SCANDANAVIA), IV (LATIN AMERICA), V (SUBSAHARAN AFRICA), AND VI (SUDAN, ETHIOPIA, ARABIAN PENINSULA, IRAQ AND IRAN.) A DETAILED DEFINITION OF THE ABOVE ZONES WAS REPORTED REF. A. NOTICES OF INVITATION FOR THESE TENDERS WERE PUBLISHED IN OFFICIAL JOURNAL C 180 OF 7/29/78. UNCLASSIFIED

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2. THE RULES GOVERNING THE SOFT WHEAT AND BARLEY TENDERS ARE VIRTUALLY IDENTICAL. BOTH TENDERS WILL INITIALLY COVER 300,000 TONS. ACCEPTANCE OF BIDS WILL BEGIN ON AUGUST 25, 1978; THE TENDERS ARE TO REMAIN OPEN UNTIL DECEMBER 21, 1978. DURING THIS PERIOD, WEEKLY AWARDS WILL BE MADE. A SECURITY

DEPOSIT OF 10 U.A./M.T. MUST ACCOMPANY EACH BID. IT WILL BE REFUNDED IF THE BID IS NOT ACCEPTED OR UPON PROOF THAT THE GRAIN HAS BEEN DELIVERED AT THE SPECIFIED DESTINATION. EXPORT LICENSES ISSUED IN CONNECTION WITH THE TENDER WILL BE VALID UNTIL THE END OF THE FOURTH MONTH FOLLOWING THE MONTH IN WHICH THE BID WAS SUBMITTED.

- 3. DETAILED RULES GOVERNING EC EXPORT TENDERS FOR GRAIN WERE REPORTED REF. D. BASICALLY, EC EXPORTERS SUBMIT BIDS FOR AN AMOUNT OF EXPORT SUBSIDY. THESE BIDS ARE REVIEWED WEEKLY BY THE COMMISSION WHICH SETS A MAXIMUM EXPORT SUBSIDY. (IT MAY ALSO REJECT ALL BIDS). ALL BIDS AT OR BELOW THAT LEVEL ARE ACCEPTED.
- 4. IN 1977/78, THE EC SOLD APPROXIMATELY 2.6 MILLION TONS OF BARLEY UNDER A SIMILAR EXPORT TENDER. (REFS. B AND C). HINTON

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